

SENATE BILL NO. 154

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN OPTIONAL BIDDING PREFERENCE FOR
5 CITY OR TOWN RESIDENTS WITH RESPECT TO CITY OR TOWN CONTRACTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO
6 COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Optional bidding preference for municipal residents.** (1) If there is not
11 an out-of-state bidder for a contract subject to competitive bid under this part, the contract may be
12 awarded to the lowest and best responsible bidder that is a city or town resident and that makes a bid that
13 is not more than \$500 or 3% higher, whichever is less, than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder that
14 is not a city or town resident.

15 (2) If there is one or more out-of-state bidders for a contract subject to competitive bid under this
16 part, the state bid preference provided in 18-1-102 applies.

17 (3) For the purposes of this section, "city or town resident" means a person, corporation,
18 business, or other entity whose principal business location is within the boundaries of an incorporated city
19 or town.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
22 integral part of Title 7, chapter 5, part 43, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 5, part 43, apply to
23 [section 1].

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